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Dear Ms. Grant,

Please find enclosed my check for \$250 to be added to the \$500 that you now hold for a total \$750 fee that you have requested in accordance with your 13 January 19, 2006 response.

In your denial of my 37 CFR Section 1.137(a) I would like to make one correction. My April 11, 2005 response resulted from a telephone call by me to Mr. Avila asking why my Application had not been processed, not because I was responding to a notice that I had not received. My last communication with him had ended with his assurance that everything was in order and that I should hear back within a couple of weeks. You could verify this with Patent Examiner Avila [(571) 272-6678] if you have questions about the accuracy of my assertions.

I respectfully ask that you please move forward on the 37 CFR Section 1.137 (b) petition as soon as possible as I am hoping to build a rowboat prototype before next August, but not until the patent is in hand.

Sincerely,

Eric Bleicker

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